

Comment and Feedback Form:

Comprehensive Reentry Strategy for Adults in the District of Columbia

In order to finalize the *Comprehensive Reentry Strategy for Adults in the District of Columbia*, the drafters would like your opinions and comments. Many of the items contained in the strategy reflect initiatives and programs already underway. Other recommendations reflect new ideas or needs to be addressed.

Please return this completed form to the address or fax number at the bottom of the page no later than May 30, 2003. A formal workshop to announce the strategy and discuss responses from stakeholders noted in this feedback form will be held at 6:30-8:30 p.m., June 12, CSOSA, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, 6th Floor. If you would like to attend this workshop, please register at www.csosa.gov.

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Pre-Release Planning

This plan provides an effective, long-range strategy for creating an effective continuum of reentry services for DC offenders during incarceration, transition from incarceration to the community, and life in the community during and after supervision.	5	4	3	2	1
Assessment of offenders' reentry needs, which is the basis of plans for successful integration, should begin during incarceration and be updated at regular intervals after release from prison.	5	4	3	2	1

Housing

Affordable, safe housing options for returning offenders are at a shortage in the District of Columbia.	5	4	3	2	1
Releasing offenders directly from prison to the street without a structured transition period in which the offender can focus on finding work and reestablishing community ties presents a risk to public safety.	5	4	3	2	1

Education and Employment

Offenders receive adequate preparation for employment and opportunities for enhancing educational skills during incarceration.	5	4	3	2	1
District government agencies have a responsibility to provide educational enhancement, job training, and job placement services for returning offenders.	5	4	3	2	1

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Community-based organizations need to provide additional educational, job training, and job placement services for returning offenders in the District of Columbia.	5	4	3	2	1

Substance Abuse Treatment

The establishment of a Reentry and Sanctions Center to screen and assess newly released offenders with extensive criminal and substance abuse histories will help decrease the number of reentrants who return to incarceration for new criminal offenses or violations of release conditions.	5	4	3	2	1
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Mental Health Treatment

Correctional and public health agencies need to collaborate to ensure that all returning offenders receive appropriate mental health screening and referrals for placement in appropriate services upon release, if needed.	5	4	3	2	1
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Identification and Benefits

Offenders returning to the community need valid identification at the time of release or shortly after in order to search for and obtain employment and to obtain benefits for which he or she may be eligible.	5	4	3	2	1
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Family and Community Support

Returning offenders would benefit from participating in support groups that include ex-offenders who have established productive, law-abiding lives after their release from incarceration.	5	4	3	2	1
Faith-based support services and mentoring are potentially effective approaches to assisting offenders to break criminal behavior patterns.	5	4	3	2	1
Inmates who maintain contact with family members or individuals who can provide positive social support during incarceration are more successful during reentry than those without positive contact.	5	4	3	2	1

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Public Education

Most residents are aware of the substance abuse, social networking, education, employment, and family needs that returning offenders need to address in order to successfully reintegrate into the community.	5	4	3	2	1
Public safety will improve if returning offenders have ample opportunity to meet their individual needs in a timely and comprehensive fashion.	5	4	3	2	1

Quality Assurance

Correctional and community correctional agencies need to maintain an effective quality review process to ensure that program providers meet and exceed professional standards and offer effective services.	5	4	3	2	1
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Policy and Legislative Issues

Issues related to child support, increased substance abuse treatment resources, and the provision of adequate housing options for returning offenders require legal and or policy change.	5	4	3	2	1
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Please provide additional comments about the *Reentry Strategy* in the space provided below (if necessary, attach additional sheets):

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